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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: US, CI, SREF, SHUM

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PAROLE OF RELEASED CHILEAN DETAINEES

REFS: SANTIAGO 6085; STATE 219781

1. REFTELS CROSSED. OUR 6085 PROVIDES INFO REQUESTED
STATE 219781. WE HAVE A FEW ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS.

2. IF DECISION IS MADE TO ADMIT CHILEANS ON PAROLE, IT
WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO INFORM GOC IN ADVANCE AND EXPLAIN
TO THEM PRECISELY WHAT WE ARE DOING AND WHY. I WOULD
WELCOME DEPT'S IDEAS ON RATIONALE, AT THE PROPER TIME.

3. MININT BENAVIDES' PRESS STATEMENT ON RELEASE OF
DETAINEES (SANTIAGO 6083) GIVES US SOME CONCEPTION OF
SCOPE OF PROGRAM. WE KNOW FROM IT THAT GOC STATES IT
RELEASED 386 DETAINEES BETWEEN SEPT 11 AND OCT 3, AND
WE CAN INFER THAT MOST, PERHAPS ALL, OF 748 SAID TO BE
STILL DETAINED WITHOUT CHARGES SHOULD BE FREED WITHIN
MONTH OR TWO. AT SAME TIME WE HAVE HINT FROM USSEC
MININT MONTERO THAT SOME DETAINEES TRIED OR FACING
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CHARGES (PERHAPS 4,000 IN ALL) MAY RECEIVE AMNESTY FROM

CHIEF OF STATE AFTER TRIAL; WE KNOW OF NO SUCH CASE AS
YET. WE HAVE NO WAY TO DETERMINE HOW MANY OF ALL THE
FOREGOING WOULD HAVE TO OR WANT TO GO INTO EXILE. WILL
SEEK DISCREETLY TO DETERMINE EXTENT OF DIFFICULTIES
BEING ENCOUNTERED IN PLACING THOSE RECENTLY RELEASED.
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